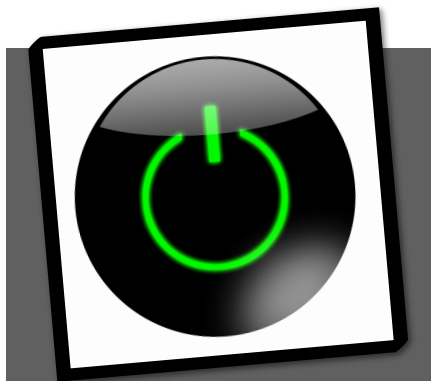


SUNDOWN

Technology

Issue One

P R E P A R I N G S T U D E N T S F O R T H E 2 1 S T C E N T U R Y



Try This First...

Reboot your computer. Most computer issues can be easily resolved by simply rebooting your computer. So, before you call your IT department, try rebooting your computer. That is the first thing your IT people will ask. Have you rebooted your computer? If that does not resolve your issue, contact your IT staff.

✧ What's In The Clouds ✧

All the talk is about "cloud computing". It is definitely the "flavor of the month." Google docs have brought many educational applications to the classroom using cloud computing, but what is cloud computing? Read more on page 2.

WHY USE GOOGLE DOCS?

First of all, why would we move yourself or uploading and downloading documents to online servers. Google Docs have the following



applications...Google Documents, Google Spreadsheets, Google Presentations, and Google Drawings. And it is all free.

Keyboard Shortcuts

Keyboard shortcuts can be very handy and help you work faster. Here are a few very useful keyboard shortcuts you may find useful.

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CTRL+X (Cut)
CTRL+V (Paste)
CTRL+Z (Undo)
CTRL+A (Select All)
F3 (Search for file or folder)
F2 (Rename selected Item)

Delete (Delete)
F1 (Display help)
F5 (Update the active window)
ALT+F4 (Close the active item)
CTRL_ESC (Display the start menu)
Windows Logo+E (My Computer)
CTRL+P (Print current page)

What's In The Clouds

Modern computing in the age of the Internet is quite a strange, remarkable thing. As you sit hunched over your laptop at home watching a YouTube video or using a search engine, you're actually plugging into the collective power of thousands of computers that serve all this information to you from far-away rooms distributed around the world.



It's almost like having a massive supercomputer at your beck and call, thanks to the Internet.

This phenomenon is what we typically refer to as cloud computing. We now read the news, listen to music, shop, watch TV shows and store our files on the web. Some of us live in cities in which nearly every museum, bank, and government office has a website. The end result? We spend less time in lines or on the phone, as these websites allow us to do things like pay bills and make reservations. The movement of many of our daily tasks online enables us to live more fully in the real world.

Cloud computing offers other benefits as well. Not too long ago, many of us worried about losing our documents, photos and files if something bad happened to our computers, like a virus or a hardware malfunction. Today, our data is migrating beyond the boundaries of our personal computers. Instead, we're moving our data online into

"the cloud". If you upload your photos, store critical files online and use a web-based email service like Gmail or Yahoo! Mail, an 18-wheel truck could run over your laptop and all your data would still safely reside on the web, accessible from any Internet-connected computer, anywhere in the world.



Tech Update

Great progress is being made towards improving our network. The has approved a proposal from Desert Communications Inc. to totally restructure our network. The project will begin in February and should be completed by May or June. The new network should be up and running for next school year. The new Cattera tower will be installed in April. This is increase our internet bandwidth ten time over our current bandwidth. All your patience this year will be rewarded by a leading edge network with plenty of bandwidth for all our educational needs.

When you get a chance make sure you thank our administrator and school board for their support of this project. You will be amazed at the improvements for the next school year.

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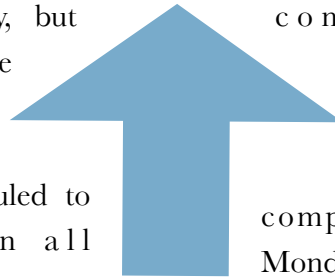
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MICROSOFT UPDATE TUESDAY

This Tuesday, December 14th, is update Tuesday for Microsoft. Please log out of your computers when you leave school on Monday, but make sure you leave your computer's power turned on. Updates are scheduled to be applied on all computers on campus at 3:00am on Tuesday morning. Updates are important because they correct known issues with

your software and fixes vulnerabilities in the programs that make it easy for hackers and virus writers to compromise your computer.



Don't forget to leave your computers tuned on Monday night, December 13th. If you have any questions, please contact your IT department.

Animation Links

<http://jackinsundown.blogspot.com/2010/12/logo-animation.html>

<http://jackinsundown.blogspot.com/2010/11/animation-for-edld5366-week-3.html>

THIS WEEK'S FUN LINKS

20 off-the-wall emails from the technically clueless

<http://www.wxpnews.com/101005-Off-The-Wall-Emails>

Animal heroes rescue humans

<http://www.wxpnews.com/101005-Animal-Heroes-Rescue-Humans>

Five greatest magicians of all time - agree or disagree?

<http://www.wxpnews.com/101005-Five-Greatest-Magicians>

Dog sings with iPad

<http://www.wxpnews.com/101005-Husky-Sings>

